

REMARKS

Claims 10-40 are currently pending. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Claims 10, 11, 13 and 15 have been amended to place them in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1. Claims 17-22, 23-28, 29-34 and 35-40 have been newly added as dependant claims from claims 10, 11, 13 and 15 respectively; these claims include all of the limitations of base claims 2-7, which were claimed in original claims 10, 11, 13 and 15. No new matter has been introduced into the application by way of amendment.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC 102(b):

(a) Claims 1, 8 and 9 are rejected as being anticipated by ZA 6802425 (CAPLUS reference). Applicants respectfully traverse. While not agreeing with the propriety of the rejection and solely to advance prosecution, claims 1, 8 and 9 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to file claims to the subject matter of the cancelled claims in continuing applications. Withdrawal of the aforementioned rejection is respectfully requested.

(b) Claims 1, 8 and 9 were rejected as being anticipated by US 3,567,244. Applicants respectfully traverse. While not agreeing with the propriety of the rejection and solely to advance prosecution, claims 1, 8 and 9 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to file claims to the subject matter of the cancelled claims in continuing applications. Withdrawal of the aforementioned rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC 103(a):

(a) Claims 1-9 are rejected as being unpatentable over ZA 6802425 (CAPLUS reference). Applicants respectfully traverse. While not agreeing with the propriety of the rejection and solely to advance prosecution, claims 1, 8 and 9 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to file claims to the subject matter of the cancelled claims in continuing applications. Withdrawal of the aforementioned rejection is respectfully requested.

(b) (a) Claims 1-9 are rejected as being unpatentable over US 3,567,244. Applicants respectfully traverse. While not agreeing with the propriety of the rejection and solely to advance prosecution, claims 1, 8 and 9 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to file claims to the subject matter of the cancelled claims

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Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the indication that subject matter of claims 10-16 are allowable and would appear to be so if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have placed the claims in independent form including all the limitation of the base claims and intervening claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly request such action.

If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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